

REMARKS:

This amendment is being filed prior to payment of the issue fee. Entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested.

The amendment made to claim 3 is made to further clarify that the non-catalyst material referenced in claim 3 need not be different from the non-catalyst material of claim 1. The catalyst material is described consistently therewith in the specification.

The amendment made on page 28, line 13 is supported by the specification, for example, at page 28, lines 16-18. In particular, the present amendment replaces the term “propane gas” with “acetylene gas” in line 13 of page 28. The reference to “propane gas” was a clerical error in the preparation and translation of the application. The specification makes it clear that the phrase was intended to refer to “acetylene gas” at that location, as evidenced by further descriptions in the same paragraph that refer to the acetylene gas. In particular, that same paragraph recites: “Therefore, a ratio of supply of an acetylene gas was gradually decreased to zero ...” (page 28, lines 16-18). The reference to “acetylene gas” in lines 16-18 of page 28 shows that the earlier reference to “propane gas” (in line 13 of page 28) was an inadvertent error. Therefore, it is submitted that the original specification supports the amendments made herein.

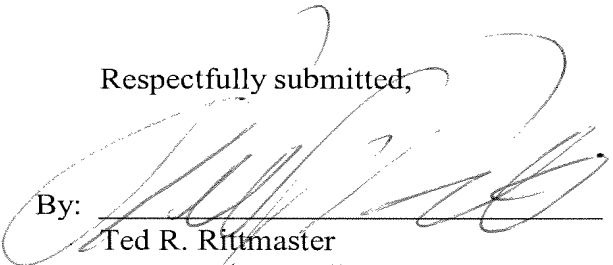
Accordingly, entry of the amendment is requested.

The Issue Fee has not yet been paid but will be paid prior to the issue fee deadline of December 22, 2009.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Rule 312 amendment. In the event this is not correct, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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